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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-1082) (P)

DATE: 1/24/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: FRANK JOHN PROVINZANO
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Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/8/72.

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On 12/28/72, 1/3/73 and 1/7/73, attempts were made to locate the subject at Angie's Restaurant and each time workmen were there repairing fire damage.

On 1/12/73, [REDACTED] Milwaukee Fire Department, advised that they have not developed any evidence of arson in the fire at Angie's.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will continue investigation to establish background, associates and criminal activity of subject.

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[redacted]
First Federal Savings and Loan, Wisconsin and Water Streets,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that the First Federal Savings and Loan owns the building at 718 North Water in which Augie's Restaurant is housed. The building is leased by a [redacted] who is a tobacco wholesaler, in turn Augie's is subleased to the estate of ANGELO PROVINZANO, which is managed by FRANK PROVINZANO.

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Two months prior to the fire at Angelo's on December 25, 1972, a suit was filed on Augie's behalf by [redacted] in the amount of \$250,000 for loss of business.

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Attorney [redacted] is representing the Savings and Loan.

The lease reads that in the event of a fire the landlord is liable for the structures and Augie's was liable for the fixtures. The lease also sets forth that in the event of fire, if the facility is not repaired the lease is void. The landlord had the building ready for re-use prior to 60 days.

[redacted] got the impression that Augie's was financially sound until ANGELO PROVINZANO died and since then under FRANK PROVINZANO the business has gone down hill, and [redacted] thinks PROVINZANO wanted to get out.

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FRANK PROVINZANO advised [redacted] that he brought a friend to Augie's on the night of the fire at 7:00 PM which was reported at 8:15 PM.

[redacted] advised that the night of the fire PROVINZANO sat in the lobby of the First Federal Savings and Loan and seemed very nervous.

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Interviewed on 1/23/73 Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-1082-5
by SA [redacted] ps Date dictated 1/29/73

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Date of transcription 4-24-73

FRANK PROVINZANO was interviewed at his residence at 1619 West Capital Drive, Milwaukee. PROVINZANO, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, advised that he would say nothing about his associations with any of the local hoodlum element in Milwaukee. He stated he had not been in contact with FRANK BALISTRIERI or any of BALISTRIERI's friends for some time, and that if the FBI wanted to know anything about the trouble he had with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) while he was employed there, they would have to talk to his attorney.

When questioned about the fire at Angie's he said he did not have any idea how it got started. He went on to advise that because of the fire, and his poor financial condition, he did not plan to reopen Angie's and the corporation is going bankrupt.

Interviewed on 4-20-73 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-1082-6
by SAs [redacted] (CRB:mfs) Date dictated 4-23-73

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This matter was opened originally on 12-8-72, when it appeared that subject may have deliberately started a fire which burned down the restaurant he runs, or that he may have been the victim of some type of an extortion or other criminal activity. It further appeared the subject may have had source potential.

However suspicious the fire of the restaurant appeared, there was no evidence found by the Fire Department to support anything other than a fire of unknown origin. When interviewed by Bureau Agents, subject was uncooperative and did not give any indication of being a willing source of information.

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